



Media Information

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Columbus Division of Police

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 6-22-2017

Time: 12:45am

Location of Offense/Incident: S/B I-71 at I-270, Northside

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Report #: 170529302

Cruiser District: 180

Decedent:

Name: James Lee III

Sex: M

Age: 25

Other Involved Parties:

Name: Kervens Felix

Sex: M

Age: 23

Woodney Lochard

M

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Incident Summary:

On 6-22-2017 at 12:45am, Kervens Felix was operating his 2007 BMW southbound on I-71 approaching I-270. And for reasons still under investigation, Mr. Felix lost control of his vehicle. The BMW ran off the left side of the roadway and struck the median wall. After striking the wall the BMW continued crossing all the lanes and ran off the right side of the road. The BMW went up the embankment for the I-270 bridge then struck the underside of the bridge. The BMW then rolled down the embankment and came to rest. Mr. Felix, Woodney Lochard, And James Lee were all transported to Grant Medical Center in critical condition. Mr. Lochard was the front seat passenger and Mr. Lee was the rear seat passenger.

James Lee succumbed to the injuries he received from the crash and was pronounced dead on 6-22-2017 at 9:22pm.

This is the City's 24th traffic related fatality this year.

This is an on-going investigation

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